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McEvoy Paces Marian Reels OFF 160 Yards in First CMC Start

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Marian exploded with unexpected offensive power to outfight St. Francis de Sale of Chicago, 12-6, I the Catholic Metropolitan conference opener Saturday at Bloom High field.

Hard charging Bob McEvoy powered for 130 yards in 13 carries to outgain the whole St. Francis team on the ground. McEvoy's total included a fancy 60-yard touchdown run on the Spartans' third play of the game.

Marian rang up 217 yards running and 75 by the air lanes in racking up 10 first downs, while the slow moving Pioneers managed 112 on the ground and only 22 by air.

Marian marched 61 yards for its second score late in the first quarter, then hung on until St. Francis pushed across a score with six minutes left in the game.

Shortly before the end of the third quarter, both teams on the field got into a free-swinging alley brawl which ended in a player from each team being ejected.

The few fans who showed up for the game sat rather mystified through the whole thing because someone forgot to run off some programs.

After the Pioneers had picked up two first down to the Marian 32 yard line, halfback Tom Boleck's fumble was recovered by Jim Osika on the 30.

McEvoy picked up six yards off tackle and fullback Carl Swanson powered for a first down on the 40. On the next play, McEvoy cut down the east sidelines and went over untouched when Don Curran cut down the last St. Francis defender with a crushing block at the Pioneer 38 yard line.

The Spartan defense stopped St. Francis on four plays after the kickoff and took over again on the Pioneer 46 yard line.

Swanson picked up six before Tom Bijak's pass fell incomplete. A moment later, Jack Schreiber took a pitchout from Bijak and rambled 35 yards down the sideline before being shoved out of bounds on the 20. A delay of game penalty moved the ball back to the 25, but Bijak lofted a 25-yard scoring pass to Schreiber as he cut behind the St. Francis defender.

The Pioneers marched 80 yards for their only score late in the fourth quarter.

The win gave Marian a 2-2 record for the season and moved the Spartans into a tie for first place in the conference.

Marian Catholic 12, St. Francis de Sales 6

Totals yards: Marian 292, De Sales 134 Rushing: Marian 217, De Sales 112 Passing: Marian 75 (4 of 13, 1 INT); De Sales 22 (3 of 7, 0 INT) Marian rushing: McEvoy 13-130, 1 TD; J. Schreiber 5-53; Swanson 8-26; Bijak 3-8. Marian passing: Bijak 3 of 12, 52 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT; Dyke 1 of 1, 23 yards. Marian receiving: J. Schreiber 2-38, 1 TD; Mancini 1-23; Curran 1-14.